

Harlow Neighbors News

Winter 2006

Harlow Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2006
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Monroe Middle School
2800 Bailey Lane

Agenda

Call to Order
Introductions
Neighborhood Service
Elected Officials' Reports
Committee Reports
Guest Speakers*
New Business
Adjourn

For more information contact Jack Radabaugh,
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Spath, 686-3271, mspath28@comcast.net.

Chairman and Vice Chairman Needed

--Richard Edwards, Chair Nominations Committee

During this past season the Harlow Neighbors have been fortunate to have a Recording Secretary, but we still do not have a Chairman or Vice Chairman. Thanks to the combined efforts of the current Executive Committee, the Harlow Neighbors Association continues to run smoothly. In order to continue functioning and stay abreast of current developments, we still need residents to fill the top offices of our neighborhood association.

If you are interested, here is a brief summary of the duties and benefits of becoming more involved in the leadership of our neighborhood:

As Chairman, you would be the primary point of contact for the Eugene City staff and the first one to be notified of any new developments in our neighborhood. You would also set the agenda for the general meetings and chair each meeting. The Chairman appoints sub-committees and is also a voting member of the Executive Committee. The Vice Chair is a voting member of the Executive Committee and chairs meetings in the absence of the Chairman.

The Neighborhood Association typically meets four times a year during the school year at Monroe Middle School. The Executive Committee also meets four times a year during the month prior to each general meeting. The time commitment is a minimum of four hours per month. Officers serve for one year. Since all of the officers in the Association are volunteer positions, you can also deduct the mileage on your income tax if you itemize. Neither of these jobs is difficult and the rewards are numerous.

If you would like more information about opportunities to serve on the Harlow Neighbors Association, I can be reached at 687-0470.

***Guest Speakers promise lively meeting**

Come hear candidates for County Assessor and Mike Sullivan, the City's Community Development Manager, who will update us on the fate of ORI, Whole Foods/garage, downtown development, and City Hall master plan. This is information you'll want to hear!!

Our website is accessed at
www.harlowneighbors.com
or via
www.eugene-or.gov

More apartments planned for Garden Way

--Jack Radabaugh, Chair Executive Committee

The Chase Gardens area continues to grow with new apartments planned for the east side of Garden Way. Roy Carver is the current developer for planning use of the Wylie property, which consists of a 320-foot-wide strip between Garden Way and the freeway. The area is zoned mixed use with the requirement of twenty units per acre, a very high-density number. The Chairman of the Harlow Neighbors Chase Gardens Committee has opened discussions with the developer respecting utilization of part of the developed space for retail services for this badly underserved area. No final decisions have been made to date as to what kind of apartments will be built on this desirably situated property. One nearby model for development is the Quail Run complex on the south side of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

The Garden Way area has a special problem of noise mitigation due to the presence of freeway traffic. This same area is scheduled for the construction of sound walls as part of the Beltline-Interstate 5 Interchange upgrade. The problem was dealt with in the Quail Run development with the construction of double concrete walls with an air space between the concrete slabs.

The developer expressed interest in the placement of retail services in the area. Planning for commitments to a construction project will begin in about two weeks. The Harlow Neighbors representative suggested use of some first floor properties for retail services.

Noise mitigation on Interstate 105

Harlow Neighbors is seeking information regarding noise mitigation on the north side of Interstate 105. Do you think noise has been reduced by removal of concrete and subsequent installation of asphalt along the sound wall?

Leave your message with Jack Radabaugh, 344-9220, or jradabaugh@comcast.net.

Willakenzie Park update

--Sean Kelly, Chair Willakenzie Park Committee

Willakenzie Park continues to see record use as neighbors come out in good weather and bad to enjoy the open space. The space also continues to be used as a practice area by a variety of neighborhood sports teams. This use seems to be consistent with what the Parks and Open Space Division had in mind when they acquired the property for development as a neighborhood park.

The exciting news is that the Division has decided to develop the open space at the north end of the property. This five-acre area includes nearly all of the open space behind the former location of the school, a site that has historically been used as park space by the neighbors. Robin Hotstick will be the landscape architect in charge of the project. His most recent work can be seen at Oakmont Park. He plans to meet with neighbors to solicit input on the park development on March 23rd at the Monroe Middle School Library, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

If you have any interest in the future of the park space, please try to attend.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via the Harlow Neighbors web page. I look forward to seeing you in the park!

Did you know.....

that minutes of all Harlow Executive Committee meetings are posted on www.harlowneighbors.com for your information? The meetings are always open to the public.

This is the official newsletter of the Harlow Neighbors. Newsletters are published and mailed courtesy of the City of Eugene. Newsletters are produced by neighborhood volunteers and are free to residents and businesses of the neighborhood. Space is available for letters to the editor and editorial comments from neighbors. All signed letters will be published as space permits. Editorials express the author's views, not the position of the Neighborhood Association, the City's elected officials, or City staff.

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Phase One work continues on the Beltline-Interstate 5 upgrade

--Jack Radabaugh, Chair Executive Committee

On Thursday, February 16, 2006, Jon Ewing and Jack Radabaugh met with Jane Lee, Area Manager Lane County Region 2, Ann Sanders, Transportation Project Leader, and Karl Wieseke. The ODOT group reported that \$48.3 million as the cost for the fly-over and other Phase One items. The pedestrian-bike bridge was included in this program. A sketch of the bridge indicates it will be a very attractive suspension bridge. Costs for the Harlow area projects were estimated to be about \$4 million for sound walls and \$1.5 to \$2 million for the bridge. The project has acquired additional funding that raises the total to \$72.5 million. Hopefully, the sound walls may be included in the new, larger total. A stand-alone project for the sound walls was discussed if extra money is available in the larger sum.

Miscellaneous items discussed were the effectiveness of wood fences as noise mitigators, three exit points in the bike trail to accompany the bike bridge, and the desire by the neighborhood that the bike trail be extended to Chad in the future. The merits of building walls at the edge of the road way were compared with building at the top of the berms in the areas where berms were already established. Both parties recalled some of the difficulties which accompanied the sound walls along Interstate 105.

Timewise the bike bridge should be included in the 2005-2008 STIP budget. Hopefully, money for a stand-alone project may be left over in amounts large enough to initiate the sound wall work. Otherwise, the sound wall mitigation will probably not occur until the 2008-2011 period, presently being considered.

The ODOT representatives indicated a desire to speak at a Harlow Neighbors general meeting in May. The Harlow representatives requested copies of plans for the bridge and the sound walls as soon as they are developed by ODOT. The Harlow representatives assured ODOT representatives that the neighborhood organization would be lobbying local and state elected representatives for completion of this major transportation improvement.

Eugene Police Department participating in Crime Web

As of February of this year, the Eugene Police Department will be able to distribute information to citizens, media, and other law enforcement agencies via the clearinghouse of the patented Crime Web. There is no cost to the Department.

The web-based service covers missing child and adult alerts, major crime alerts, and school and community information alerts. Pertinent information is then distributed via a proprietary zip code system.

Citizens can subscribe if they have an Internet connection on an existing PC. Log on to Crimeweb.net and subscribe. Subscriptions can be cancelled at any time. Information will be sent via e-mail.

The advantage of this concept over existing systems is the ability for anyone with an e-mail address to register to receive information about public safety incidents for any geographical area in the country. For more information, contact Pam Olshanski at 682-5124 or by e-mail at pam.k.olshanski@ci.eugene.or.us

Bike rules for sidewalk riding clarified

Bike riding on sidewalks is legal in Eugene except for the area bounded by Charnelton and Pearl Streets and Sixth and Eleventh Avenues. It is suggested that riding on sidewalks in the University area be avoided because of congestion.

Bicyclists must ride as far to the right as is safe, pass only on the left, provide audible warning before passing, ride at walking speed when nearing any motor vehicle access point, and yield right of way to pedestrians. It is a violation to leave the curb and move into the path of a vehicle.

For more information, contact Lee Shoemaker, City Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, at 682-5471 or lee.shoemaker@ci.eugene.or.us

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Harlow Neighbors Meeting Schedule

All meetings are presently scheduled for the James Monroe Middle School Library, 2800 Bailey Lane, Eugene, from 7:00 to 8:30 (for Executive Committee meetings) or 9:00 p.m. (for General Public meetings). All meetings are open and may be attended by all interested parties. Executive Committee voting is limited to committee members. General Public Meeting voting is limited to the Harlow neighborhood residents and property owners.

Mar. 15, 2006: General Public Meeting
Apr. 19, 2006: Executive Committee
May 17, 2006: General Public Meeting



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Executive Committee

Elected Officers:

Chairperson*

Vice-Chair*

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Acting Members:

Jack Radabaugh, Chair Ex. Committee

Terry Froemming, Fire EMS Committee

Greg Ewert, Webmaster

Sean Kelly, Willakenzie Park Committee

Richard Edwards, Nominations Committee

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